Washington, DC-Congressman Harry Teague and Lt. Governor Diane Denish will join forces to increase rural communities' knowledge of and access to funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The events are a continuation of Lt. Governor Diane Denish's Rural Economic Recovery Initiative. Both Congressman Harry Teague and Lt. Governor Denish have pledged to work for increased access to stimulus funds for small and rural communities.

"I look forward to working with Lt. Governor Diane Denish to make sure that the state and federal governments are working together at every opportunity to help southern New Mexico's small and rural communities access their fair share of recovery funds," said Congressman Harry Teague.

"I know New Mexicans are hurting in these tough economic times," said Lt. Governor Denish. "These Town Hall meetings will offer practical advice and information about how best to compete for additional federal stimulus funds and I encourage everyone to attend."

The Rural Economic Recovery initiative will identify local and tribal governments, universities, and non-profit organizations interested in applying for grants on behalf of their communities and provide them information about grant opportunities, guidelines, and processes.

Los Lunas

When: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Where: Los Lunas Rail Runner station (101 Court House Road in Los Lunas)

Topic: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Who: Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Congressman Harry Teague, Mayor Louis Huning, and community leaders

Belen
When: 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Where: Belen City Hall (100 S Main Street)
Topic: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Who: Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Congressman Harry Teague, Mayor Ronnie Torres, and community leaders
Socorro
When: 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Where: Socorro City Hall (111 School of Mines Road, NW)
Topic: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Who: Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Congressman Harry Teague, Mayor Ravi Bhasker, and community leaders
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